

essentially
Religious Persecution

Some as France
using Religion to
spread terror
+ move people
elsewhere

Wikipedia "The Great Scottish Witch Hunt of 1597"

1597 - Scotland witch trials

- 400 Witches - unknown 200 executions

- 2nd of the 5 Scottish "Hunts"

- least documented hunt

- time of Catholic Queen Mary II +
Presbyterian church.

- King James published book Witchcraft 1596

1591 - North Berwick witch trial

trial of 1590

- torture - confessions '11 Heretic

- King James published on his staff in book

- "Confession" by "fingernails fearfully removed
then hung iron pins through their
the pillories and the book.

- Burnings!!

- Accusing to Christopher Smith

Shakespeare MacBeth

"purposefully to be cast into the sea to raise
winds for the destruction of ships" reference to
King James belief or statement that Witches
stopped him from marrying Mary.

hunt of 1649-50

time of economic & political unrest

- poor harvests - blame witches prevent
- Blasphemy against Church was offense.

- Church was State - Blasphemy Law
Church is State

1649- 300 300 executions + 200 in Wiltshire, Newcome
30'. Trials initiated by local minister
who aimed setting confession

Blame people
torn apart
+
uprising
display
of spread
fear!